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WANTED: innovative ways to defer building transmission lines

BPA requests proposals for pilot projects

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Bonneville Power Administration is seeking innovative ideas

on how to meet transmission needs without building new transmission lines.

“We are looking for pilot project proposals that can help BPA determine whether nontransmission options can be used as viable alternatives to transmission line construction,” said Brian Silverstein, a BPA Transmission Planning executive.

Proposals must help reduce demand during peak use of the transmission system in summer or winter. They can include energy efficiency, control of energy consumption, cogeneration, distributed generation or other valid approaches.

BPA is already testing one such measure on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. By offering financial incentives, such as for use of on-site generators to reduce customers’ transmission load, BPA has shown that it can significantly reduce congestion during peak demand periods on the peninsula. BPA is looking for more ideas.

“We want to find projects that we can replicate and use regularly to meet the transmission reliability needs of our customers while at the same time deferring line construction,” said David Le, energy efficiency nonwires program manager. “We’re hoping to develop a set of measures that, used together, can defer certain transmission construction projects.”

For more information, go to

http://www.bpa.gov/Energy/N/projects/Non_Wires/index.cfm

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